



Ad Hoc Committee on Memorials and Dedications

November 26, 2007 – 7:00 pm – **Agenda**
City Council Chamber, Room 213 – Municipal Building

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1. Written Motion, Councillors Pimental, Morad, Pina, Gonsalves, and Coelho requesting that the Committee on Memorials and Dedications look into the possibility of placing a Memorial in the City of New Bedford for the Women who served in the Armed Forces. (Ref'd 7/20/06)

INVITEES: Council on Aging Member Howard Prescott; Director of Veterans Services Donat “Dan” LeBlanc; American Legion Post 1 Commander Alvin Fuller; American Legion Moby Dick Post 459 Commander John Moniz; VFW Andrew-Dahill Post Commander Jim Wagner; VFW Private A. Poirier Post 3260 Commander George Walker; American Portuguese War Veterans Commander Joaquim Pacheco; Cape Verdean American Vets Association Commander Antone “Toi” Grace; Gold Star Wives of America President Jean Senna; Gold Star Mothers President Louise Pina; National Guard Artillery Veterans Association Commander Colonel Abel Leite; Polish & American World War Veterans Association Commander Ray Nazarchyk; DA V, C.E. Burt Chapter 7 Commander Oliver Morerau; Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 499 Commander John Remedis

2. Written Motion, Councillor Gonsalves, on behalf of John Souza, 46 State Street, that the Committee on Memorials and Dedications, look into renaming Gifford’s Lane to Captain Mangual’s Lane, or something similar, or possibly to establish some other appropriate tribute to Mr. Souza’s late Grandfather, Captain Sixto Mangual. (Please see enclosed email for further information/backup regarding this request.) (Ref'd 9/14/06)

INVITEES: John Souza

3. Written Motion, Councillors, Gomes, Gonsalves, Saunders, Coelho, DeMedeiros, Koczera, Lawrence, Morad, Pina, and Alves, requesting that the City Council go on record in support of placing signage above the Coral Street sign that read “Leo R. Pimental Way”, which runs between the South End Youth Athletic Association’s Field and Lot 13; and further, that the grassy area which is located on the south side of Lot 13 between Coral Street and Brock Avenue have a plaque and monument stone dedicating the Way and three (3) flag poles, the American Flag, the City Flag which would represent his City service and the last one, with the consent of the area Veterans, the Veterans flag which symbolizes the love he had for the Veterans and his dedication to their causes which is represented throughout New Bedford with Veterans Memorials especially in Ward Six. (Ref'd 10/11/07)

INVITEES: Wendy Pimental & Family; Margaret Pimental & Family; South End Youth Athletic Association President Dennis Messier

Chairperson suggests taking “No Further Action” on the following matters:

4. Written Motion, Councillor Fortes, requesting that the Administration and City Council Ad Hoc Committee on Memorials and Dedications explore the possibility of creating an appropriate Memorial for Veterans of Puerto Rico and/or Hispanic and Latino decent, including seeking a suitable location within the City for where said Memorial can be placed/erected. (Ref'd 12/18/03, tabled 11/28/05)

5. Written Motion, Councillor Fortes, requesting that the City Council established and dedicated a fitting tribute at a suitable location in the City commemorating former City Councillor at Large, State Representative and Mayor George Rogers' extensive and distinguished career and unflagging, dedicated service and commitment to the City of New Bedford. (Ref'd 1/8/04)
6. Written Motion, Councillor Fortes, requesting that the Mayor, Health & Human Services Director and the Veterans Agent explore the possibility of moving the memorial located on Smith & Liberty Streets from in front of the City Yard to a more desirable and distinguished location, especially in view of it memorializing someone who gave the ultimate sacrifice to their country. (Ref'd 11/23/04)
7. Written Motion, Councillor Fortes, requesting that the Rose Monument, located near the on-ramp to Route 18 by Acushnet Avenue and Walnut Street, be enhanced with some beautifications and masonry work like other monuments throughout the City; said monument is blacktopped, creating a disparity when compared to the various other Veterans Memorials. (Ref'd 7/21/05, tabled 11/28/05, tabled 9/13/06)
8. Written Motion, Councillor Fortes, requesting that the Special Committee on Memorials and Dedications consider naming the Intermodal area in honor of Rosa Parks. (Ref'd 11/10/05)
9. Communication, Eddie Johnson, to Mayor's Office and Councillors Gonsalves and DeMedeiros, submitting Standard-Times article on Portuguese-American Revolutionary War Patriot Peter Francisco, regarding possible formation of Committee to organize a Peter Francisco Day in New Bedford. (Ref'd 7/20/06)
10. Written Motion, Councillor Koczera, asking that the City Council contact the New Bedford Recreation Commission and request that, in remembrance of the passing of Jim Simmons, that one of the summer concerts held in parks throughout the City, be held during the day or night at the new gazebo in Riverside Waterfront Park, thereby offering one of these popular concerts to residents of this neighborhood, as they are in parks throughout the City, and also creating the opportunity for further use of this beautiful park and gazebo for everyone in the City. (Ref'd 2/8/07)
11. Written Motion, Councillor Koczera, asking that the City Council rename the new Riverside Waterfront Park, located along Belleville Avenue, to "THE JIM SIMMONS MEMORIAL RIVERSIDE WATERFRONT PARK" in honor of the late James Simmons, Founder and President of Hands Across the River, and in recognition of his efforts on behalf of Riverside Park, cleanup of the Acushnet River and many other environmental issues in our community. (Ref'd 2/8/07)
12. Written Motion, Councillor Coelho, requesting that, due to his work with Hands Across the River, and his work as an environmentalist/activist with recognition at both local and National levels, and because of the fact that he is in the Grass Roots Hall of Fame, that the late Jim Simmons be honored with a monument at the Fairhaven Mills Site at Coggeshall Street, along Riverside Park, this being the best location to include both New Bedford and Fairhaven; and further, that any developer working with this property be required to recognize Mr. Simmons with a monument at said location. (Ref'd 2/8/07)
13. Written Motion, Councillor Pina, requesting that the City of New Bedford look into dedicating a Memorial at the waterfront in honor of the late Jim Simmons. (Ref'd 2/8/07)